



WASHINGTON STATE DEPARTMENT OF
Natural Resources
Doug Sutherland - Commissioner of Public Lands

Proposed Blue Mountain Land Exchange

Public Workshops and Hearings Schedule

For the past two years, Washington's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has worked to design the proposed Blue Mountain Land Exchange to benefit the state's Common School Trust (K-12 school construction).

In considering an exchange, DNR tries to consolidate ownership and seeks to diversify the School trust assets to increase long-term revenue. Most of the trust ownership in Eastern Washington still reflects the checkerboard pattern of the original federal land grant. Many of the parcels are isolated or intermingled with other public agency or private ownerships, making management more difficult.

A list and maps of the proposed Blue Mountain Exchange parcels are being prepared. The proposal involves about 9,000 acres of trust properties in Asotin, Columbia, Garfield, and Walla Walla counties. The private lands are located in Garfield, Lincoln, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whitman counties, totaling about 8,900 acres. The exchange includes both forested and agricultural properties.

DNR is reaching out to the public to provide information about the proposed exchange, and to seek feedback and comments on anything that might have been missed in the evaluation of the properties.

Four Public Workshops

All workshops start at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm.

Clarkston, Asotin County December 13, 2004
Quality Inn, Sternwheel Room
700 Port Dr.
Clarkston, WA 99403

Colfax, Whitman County December 14, 2004
Whitman County Public Service Bldg.
2nd Floor; Rooms A & B
310 North Main
Colfax, WA 99111

Walla Walla, Walla Walla County December 15, 2004
Walla Walla Community College
Back Dining Room
500 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Mount Vernon, Skagit County December 20, 2004
Skagit County Administrative Bldg.
Hearing Room "B"
700 S. 2nd
Mount Vernon, WA 98273

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See list of public hearings on reverse side ➔

Public Hearings

All hearings will start at 6:30 pm and conclude at 8:30 pm.

Clarkston, Asotin County January 19, 2005
Quality Inn, Sternwheel Room
700 Port Dr.
Clarkston, WA 99403

Mount Vernon, Skagit County January 24, 2005
Skagit County Administrative Bldg.
Hearing Room "B"
700 S. 2nd
Mount Vernon, WA 98273